

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-36 remain pending in the application.

**35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections:**

Claims 1, 2, 25, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson, U.S. Patent 6,385,565, in view of Peil, U.S. Patent 4,806,937, and in further view of Hanf, U.S. Patent 6,438,462. Claims 3, 6-8, 11, 12, 17-19, 27, 30-32, 35 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Peil and Hanf, and in further view of Brown, U.S. Patent 5,960,207 and Chan, U.S. Patent 6,466,898. Claims 4, 5, 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Peil, Hanf, Brown, and Chan, and in further view of Chun (Investigation of Voltage Regulation Stability of Static Synchronous Compensator In Power System", IEEE, January 2000). Claims 9, 10, 20, 33, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Peil, Hanf, Brown, and Chan, and in further view of Schutz, U.S. Patent 5,444,298. Claims 13, 16, and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Peil, Brown, and Chan. Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Peil, Brown, and Chan, and in further view of Chun. Applicant submits that these rejections are moot.

The Anderson patent is not prior art to the present application. The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 amended 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) to state that art which qualifies as prior art only under § 102(e), (f) or (g) is not available for rejections under § 103 if that art and the subject matter of the application under examination were owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same assignee at the time the invention was made. This change to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) is effective for any application filed on or after November 29, 1999. The present application is an application for patent filed after November 29, 1999. At the time the invention was made, the subject matter of present application and the Anderson patent were both owned by or

subject to an obligation of assignment to the same assignee, Sun Microsystems, Inc., as evidenced by the assignment for the present application recorded in the PTO at reel 011248, frame 0309, and the assignment for the Anderson patent recorded in the PTO at reel 9489, frame 0285. Therefore, the amendment to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) made by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 applies to the present application and operates to exclude the Anderson patent as available prior art for rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Applicant accordingly believes the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections to be moot and thus respectfully requests their removal.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-33801/BNK.

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